1	2	3	4
3. Bihar	350·13	350·13	..
4. Gujarat	110·52	110·52	..
5. Haryana	52·80	52·80	..
6. Himachal Pradesh	109·08	109·08	..
7. Jammu & Kashmir	258·64	258·64	..
8. Karnataka	114·75	114·75	..
9 Kerala	85·07	85·07	..
10. Madhya Pradesh	230·64	230·64	..
11. Maharashtra	196·27	196·27	..
12. Manipur	76·88	76·71	0·17
13. Meghalaya	60·08	60·08	..
14. Nagaland	83·90	83·90	..
15. Orissa	138·39	138·32	0·07
16. Punjab	67·31	67·31	..
17. Rajsthan	154·35	154·35	..
18. Sikkim	31·06	31·06	..
19. Tamil Nadu	161·54	161·54	..
20. Tripura	82·47	82·47	..
21. Uttar Pradesh	527·82	527·82	..
22. West Bengal	19·46	19·46	..
TOTAL :	3500·51	3498·65	1·86

Detection of tax evasion cases

647. SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) What is the number of tax evasion cases detected in the country during the year 1984-85;

(b) what is the number of persons penalised for tax evasion during the above period; and

(c) what is the amount realised from the defaulters during the year 1985-86?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI):

(a) The information gathered by the Department from internal and external sources is processed for finding out the extent of tax evasion. In appropriate cases, survey and search action is taken. During the year 1984-85, 19002 new assessees were detected as a result of survey and searches were conducted in 4.345 cases.

(b) In the year 1984-85, 42,902 orders under section 271 (1) (c) of

the Income-tax Act, 1961 were passed for concealment of income.

(c) During the year 1985-86, *prima facie* unaccounted assets valued at Rs. 50.32 crores were seized in searches. The question of realisation of tax in these cases will arise only after the assessments become final.

Price rise

648. SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI :
SHRI F. M. KHAN :

Wih the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of price rise due to Central and State Budgets for 1986-87 including the increase in railway fares; and

(b) what steps are envisaged by Government to control the soaring prices ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI) :
(a) and (b) After the presentation of the Central Budget for 1986-87 the Wholesale Price Index (1970-71 -ioo) has gone up by 0.6 per cent, from 357.2 (as on 22-2-1986) to 359«3(as on 5-4-1986—latest available). It is not possible to isolate the effect of various factors on the general price level.

The price situation is kept under surveillance and remedial action is taken as and when necessary in the light of emerging trends. The thrust of Govt's anti-inflationary policy continues to be on effective supply and demand management including strengthening of the Public Distribution System for essential commodities, supply of foodgrains to weaker sections under special schemes, enforcement of fiscal discipline and keeping the aggregate liquidity in the system under control.

Fourth Central Pay Commission Report

649. SHRI F. M. KHAN :
SHRIM. KALYANASUNDARAM :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) What is the progress so far made by the Fourth Central Pay Commission to review the pay structure of the Central Government employees; and

(b) by when the Commission is proposed to submit its report to Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) The Fourth Central Pay Commission is at present in the process of finalising its recommendations and report. It is, however, not possible to indicate the exact time by which the report of the Pay Commission would be submitted.

Use of stainless steel for minting coins

650. SHRI F. M. KHAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to use the stainless steel for minting coins in the country in the near future; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI):
(a) and (b) A proposal for changing the Coinage metal of some denominations of coins to ferritic stainless steel is under consideration and fresh decision are yet to be taken.